

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on January 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 91, 1/22/2015; HB 105, 1/22/2015

Executive Action: HB 108 - Be Concurred in
HB 109 - Be Concurred in
SB 183 - Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 105, Authorize Ag Department to provide and set fees for analytical lab services.

00:02:43 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:15 Greg Ames, administrator, Agricultural Sciences Division, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:46 Libbi Lovshin, administrator, Central Services Division, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:13 Sen. Hoven
00:06:03 Rep. Woods
00:06:29 Chairman Brown
00:06:33 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:06:55 Sen. Howard
00:07:15 Mr. Ames, AGR
00:07:45 Chairman Brown
00:08:09 Mr. Ames
00:09:52 Chairman Brown
00:10:10 Mr. Ames
00:11:01 Chairman Brown
00:11:07 Sen. Moore
00:11:34 Mr. Ames
00:13:06 Sen. Hansen
00:13:43 Mr. Ames
00:14:47 Sen. Hansen
00:14:59 Mr. Ames
00:15:18 Sen. Hansen
00:15:27 Mr. Ames
00:15:57 Chairman Brown
00:16:04 Sen. Howard
00:16:28 Mr. Ames
00:17:33 Sen. Howard
00:18:00 Mr. Ames
00:18:31 Sen. Howard
00:18:38 Mr. Ames
00:18:45 Sen. Cohenour

00:19:55 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:12 Rep. Woods

HEARING ON HB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:25 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 91, Standardize per diem for all agricultural boards and committees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:23 Libbi Lovshin, administrator, Central Services Division, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:53 Sen. Moore
00:24:04 Ms. Lovshin, AGR
00:24:18 Sen. Moore
00:24:35 Ms. Lovshin
00:25:13 Sen. Hoven
00:25:35 Ms. Lovshin
00:26:09 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:18 Rep. Clark

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183

00:27:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 183 DO PASS**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Pomnichowski were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108

00:28:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 108 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Wolken will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 109

00:30:37 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 109 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:30:52 Sen. Hansen

00:31:58 Sen. Cohenour

00:34:22 Sen. Howard

00:34:58 Chairman Brown

00:35:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Moore voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

00:37:22 Sen. Hansen

00:38:07 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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